

The Parish Caller

"No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here."

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First Congregational
Church, United
Church of Christ,
Prescott

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BE THE CHURCH

Protect the environment.
Care for the poor.
Forgive often.
Reject racism.
Fight for the powerless.
Share earthly and spiritual resources.
Embrace diversity.
Love God.
Enjoy this life.

God is still speaking.
UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

This Week at a Glance...

- ◆ **Choir Rehearsal** Sunday 9:00 am
- ◆ **Worship Service and Fellowship time** Sunday 10:30 am
- ◆ **"Mind Fit" Workshop** Wednesday 12:00 pm
- ◆ **Bell Choir Rehearsal** Thursday 11:00 pm
- ◆ **Native American "Then and Now"** Thursday 4:00 pm
- ◆ **Mission/Vision Statement Meeting** Saturday 10:00 am

BE THE CHURCH!

This Sunday we will be introducing our officers of the church to everyone. The Officers of the Church shall consist of the Moderator (John McCurdy), Vice-Moderator (Rev. Marti Garrison), Treasurer (Donna Bauman), and Clerk (Julie McCurdy).

MODERATOR: The Moderator shall serve for two years. The duties and responsibilities of the Moderator include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Preside at all Cabinet Meetings.
2. Recommend the formation of Committees, as needed.
3. Appoint non-elected Ministry members as necessary, with Cabinet approval.
4. Communicate regularly with the Minister.
5. Participate, without vote, as ex officio member of all Ministries.
6. Delegate any of the duties or responsibilities to the Vice-Moderator.

VICE-MODERATOR: The Vice-Moderator shall serve for two years. In the absence of the Moderator, the Vice- Moderator shall assume all the duties and responsibilities of the Moderator.

CLERK: The Clerk shall serve for two years. Exception to this may be made by a majority vote of the Cabinet. The duties and responsibilities of the Clerk include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Record business of Annual or Special Meetings and meetings of the Church Cabinet. All such minutes shall be distributed to each Cabinet member and the Minister, and made available to the congregation.
2. Maintain a register of the membership; maintain a record of baptisms, weddings, memorial services, and funerals.
3. Preserve and file all communications, documents, and written official reports.
4. Issue letters of transfer of membership; and inform the Cabinet of any changes in membership.

TREASURER: The Treasurer shall serve for two years. Exception to this may be made by a majority vote of the Cabinet. The Treasurer shall assist in the creation of the Church Budget and maintain a full and accurate account of all funds received, disbursed, or invested in the name of the church. The Treasurer is responsible for the timely submission of regulatory filings.

Announcements

OUTREACH MINISTRY

This month's mission emphasis is the Discovery Gardens Preschool. There is a needs list found on the box located at the front of the sanctuary. If you prefer writing a check, please make a note on the memo line, "Discovery Gardens".

“Mind Fit” WORKSHOP

Rev. Marti Garrison will continue with her “Mind Fit” workshop each Wednesday, at noon, in the Church Office Conference room, “Brain Fitness and Healthy Minds” or Cognitive Therapeutics. Each session includes overviews and activities for those who want to strengthen memory, focus, and attention. Marti is a Cognitive Therapeutics coach at Home Care Assistance of Prescott. (www.homecareassistanceprescott.com)

NATIVE AMERICA—THEN AND NOW

On September 15 at 4:00 pm, Manuel Lucero of the Cherokee Nation, addresses the treatment of Native Americans from the landing of Columbus to the present day. Cooperatively sponsored by: Temple B'rith Shalom; Granite Peak Unitarian Universalist Congregation; First Congregational United Church of Christ. Meeting held at the Granite Peak UU on 882 Sunset Avenue. Those that attend will receive a free pass to the POWWOW September 23-25 at Watson Lake Park.

COALITION FOR COMPASSION & JUSTICE 'TIS ART GALLERY

'Tis Art Gallery 3-5pm. More information in Perkins Hall

PASS MEAL

September 21st Prescott Area Shelter Services meal delivery is due at

CHURCH HOMECOMING PICNIC

September 25th after worship services at noon, meet us at Heritage Park (right next to the Heritage Park Zoon off of Willow Creek). RSVP and food sign-up sheets in Perkins Hall along with a map. Join us for food, oldies music and lots of fun!



JAZZ VESPERS, FEATURING GAIL STIEGER

September 28 at 6:30 pm. Gail Steiger comes from both a ranching and songwriting background. His grandfather, Gail Gardner, wrote several well-known cowboy songs, including Tying Knots in the Devil's Tail (or Sierry Pete's), and The Dude Wrangler. Gail Gardner was named “Poet Lariat [sic] of Arizona by Governor Bruce Babbitt.



BARN DANCE FCC FUND RAISER

September 30th at 7 pm in Perkins Hall, the “Folk Happens” Contra Dance group will be hosting a two band, two caller Contra Dance fund raiser to benefit us here at the First Congregational Church. We as a church are invited to attend this special event to see what goes on during a typical Contra Dance and to support this fund raising for a new coat rack for our foyer in the Church.



BOY SCOUT TROUP #1 100 YEAR COMMERMORATIVE ANNIVERSARY

The Scouts will be joining us in worship the Sunday of October 2nd.

SPECIAL BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS SERVICE

October 5th. More information to come!

SONG OF THE PINES ANNUAL FUNDRAISER EVENT

October 8th from 2-4 pm the Song of the Pines will be performing. Tickets on sale now, see Suzy Lobaugh, 928-899-7515.

You won't want
to miss this
picnic!

- Picnic RSVP sheet in Perkins Hall (please let us know if you plan to attend)
- Food Sign-up sheet in Perkins Hall!
- Free Parking
- Car Pool and wheel chair accessible available (let us know if you need a ride)

JOIN US
OUTSIDE!



September 25th
12:00 pm

Church Picnic

Where: Heritage Park Garden Ramada

When: September 25th

Time: 12:00 pm — after worship service

Menu:

*Fried & Baked Chicken will be provided

*Grill available for Vegetarian Burgers/Dogs

*Lemonade and iced tea provided

Please contribute your dish on the sign up-sheet for salads, chips and desserts

Let's Play!!

Games

Oldies Music

Map Provided in Perkins Hall!

Sign-up Carpooling & Accessible Van

Mission/Vision Statement Meetings:

- September 17, 10-11 am
- September 18, after worship service
- September 24, 10-11 am

The Vision and Mission of Our Church

Vision: What is our vision of how our church will grow into the changes and challenges of the coming years while honoring our inspiring past?

Vision Statement to consider: We are a Christian community that fearlessly works together as an inclusive church in covenant with God to care for our natural world and all people no matter where they are on life's journey

Shorter version. Living out the teachings of Jesus

Mission: How do we work together towards reaching our vision? What do we do?

Mission Statement to consider: As progressive faithful Christians, we will welcome and respect all people, loving and supporting each other and embracing a changing world that needs generous hearts, open minds, and commitment to peace and justice.

Shorter version: Growing God's community by welcoming, helping, and loving.

Meet Saturdays, 10-11 a.m. September 17, 24; Sunday, noon, September 18. Julie or John McCurdy, or Marti Garrison will be in Perkins Hall.

Sign up or just show up! All welcome!

(Julie, John, and Marti condensed all of our ideas into these statements for our consideration.)

Announcements



LIVING THE QUESTIONS

Our Church is growing in numbers and with growth comes a desire for spiritual growth. We will be restarting our “Exploring Progressive Christianity” group discussion this fall beginning with “Living the Questions” with an “Invitation to Journey” into a way of life that contradicts the way of the world. *** Let Julie know in the office if you would like to attend. We will be picking a day and time based on the desires of the attendees. 928-445-4555



PARDON OUR DUST!

As we work through our restorations to the church property, you may be inconvenienced somewhat with machinery, tools, dust and a coating of mess.



To keep the Congregation up to date, you can look at the rolling white board in Perkins Hall to see what has been accomplished and what is scheduled. If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know!

WHATS HAPPENING AT FCC

Try our SignUpGenius on our website: www.fccprescott.org

Contact Us:
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Tuesday - Friday: 9:00 - 1:00
Pastor Jay
Monday - Thursday
9:00 - 1:00
Other times by appointment
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PASS MEAL is a once-a-month ministry where we provide a meal for the Prescott Area Shelter Services the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 5:30 pm. Sign-up sheet is in Perkins Hall.

Funky Friday Game Night
Hosted by PFLAG
Everyone Welcome!
7-9 pm
1st Friday of every Month

KNIT WITS meets the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of every month from 1-3 pm in the Office Conference Room.

CHOIR PRACTICE
9 am before worship on Sundays. See Jane Osborn if you would like to join the choir!
BELL CHOIR PRACTICE
at 11 am on Thursdays

CALL TO CARE MINISTRY meets the 2th Thursday of every month from 12:15 pm in the Office Conference Room. If you are interested in being part of this ministry, see Marilyn Kerstine.

PFLAG SUPPORT GROUP meets the 3rd Friday of every month at 6:30 pm in the Church Library. See Julie J. for more details.

EXPLORING FAITH
Living the Questions Study Group
Looking into new topics, please let Pastor Jay if you are interested
~And~
Monday Evening Discussion Group 6 pm in the Church Library

CABINET MEETING meets the 4th Thursday of every month at 6:30 pm in the Office Conference Room.

LAS FUENTES
1035 Scott Dr., Prescott
SPIRITUAL LIVING Class is held the 3rd Thursday of every month at 10 am, led by Called to Care Ministry.
~And~
Worship Service is also held the 2nd Sunday of every month at 3 pm, led by Pastor Jay.